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Fall Feeder Sale
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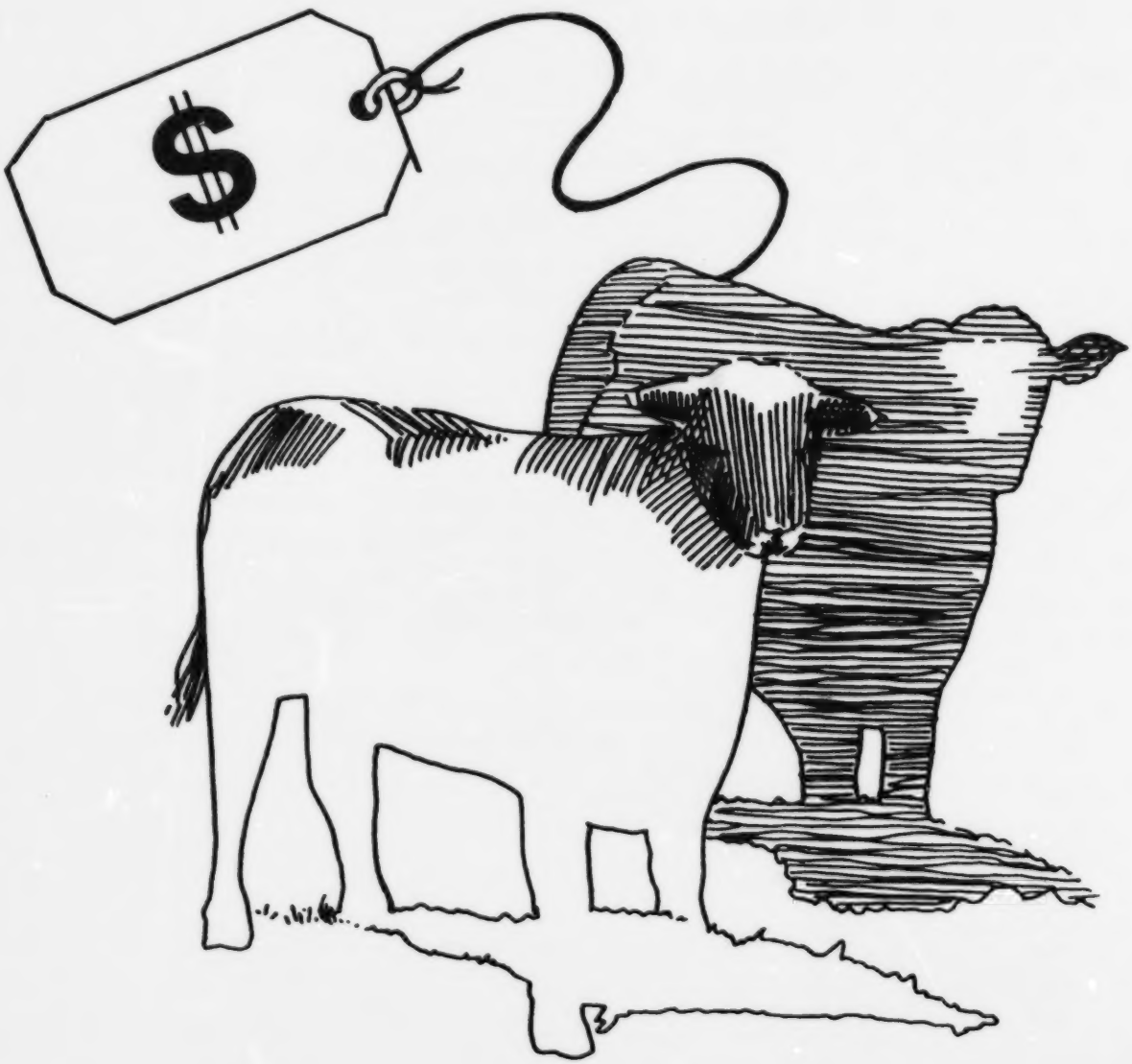

SUMMARY

The following pages are a brief statistical summary of the 1986 Fall Feeder Sales held on October 14 and 25 in Truro. This report attempts to outline average prices paid for feeder cattle by quality and sex. In addition, information for comparison purposes is presented from nine (9) previous years.

As will be noted, the average price paid for feeder cattle in 1986 was 79.08 cents per pound. This compares to 74.58 in 1985, 76.35 in 1984, 72.05 in 1983, 67.10 in 1982, 65.38 in 1981, and 80.90 in 1980.

In 1986, two sales were held. At the first sale on October 14, the average price was 78.95 cents per pound on 1,789 head. At the second sale on October 25, the average price was 79.65 cents per pound on 385 head.

Choice and good steer calves averaged 86.54 cents per pound compared to 82.66 cents per pound in 1985. Choice and good heifers averaged 76.42 cents per pound, compared to 73.88 cents per pound in 1985.

The total number of yearling feeders dropped to 582 head being sold in 1986. This represents 26.8% of head sold. Yearling prices averaged 74.43 cents per pound in 1986 compared to 71.50 cents per pound in 1985.

Despite a slight decrease in average weight per head, higher overall prices resulted in a 3 percent increase in average return per head. Total dollars reached an all time high of $980,178.00.

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FEEDER SALES - 1986

	# HEAD	AVE. PRICE	AVE. WEIGHT	AVE. RETURN PER HEAD	TOTAL POUNDS	TOTAL DOLLARS
STEERS:						
CHOICE	664	87.54	496	434.94	329,893	288,802
GOOD	235	83.75	502	420.55	118,000	98,829
MEDIUM	61	77.84	479	373.40	29,260	22,777
PLAIN	26	74.99	507	380.30	13,185	9,887
STAGS	42	68.92	514	354.80	21,619	14,901
YEARLING	357	75.15	835	627.62	298,147	224,062
SUB-TOTAL	1,385	81.37	584	476.00	810,104	659,262
HEIFERS:						
CHOICE	330	77.48	463	358.95	152,877	118,456
GOOD	191	74.56	458	342.14	87,640	65,349
MEDIUM	33	67.42	488	329.34	16,120	10,868
PLAIN	10	71.50	527	377.19	5,275	3,771
YEARLING	225	73.13	744	544.31	167,450	122,469
SUB-TOTAL	789	74.74	544	406.73	429,362	320,915
TOTAL	2,174	79.08	570	450.86	1,239,466	980,178

FEEDER SALE
OCTOBER 14, 1986

	# HEAD	AVE. PRICE	AVE. WEIGHT	AVE. RETURN PER HEAD	TOTAL POUNDS	TOTAL DOLLARS
STEERS:						
CHOICE	565	86.90	494	429.51	279,243	242,673
GOOD	172	84.27	491	414.33	84,560	71,265
MEDIUM	50	77.04	483	372.15	24,150	18,607
PLAIN	17	77.28	474	366.86	8,070	6,236
STAGS	40	68.74	515	354.20	20,609	14,168
YEARLING	318	75.23	839	631.51	266,932	200,821
SUB-TOTAL	1,162	81.01	588	476.56	683,564	553,772
HEIFERS:						
CHOICE	276	76.91	459	353.11	126,717	97,458
GOOD	143	73.86	452	334.49	64,755	47,833
MEDIUM	22	67.78	439	297.95	9,670	6,554
PLAIN	8	73.53	508	373.65	4,065	2,989
YEARLING	178	73.77	742	547.77	132,160	97,504
SUB-TOTAL	627	74.79	538	402.45	337,367	252,340
TOTAL	1,789	78.95	570	450.59	1,020,931	806,113

FEEDER SALE
OCTOBER 25, 1986

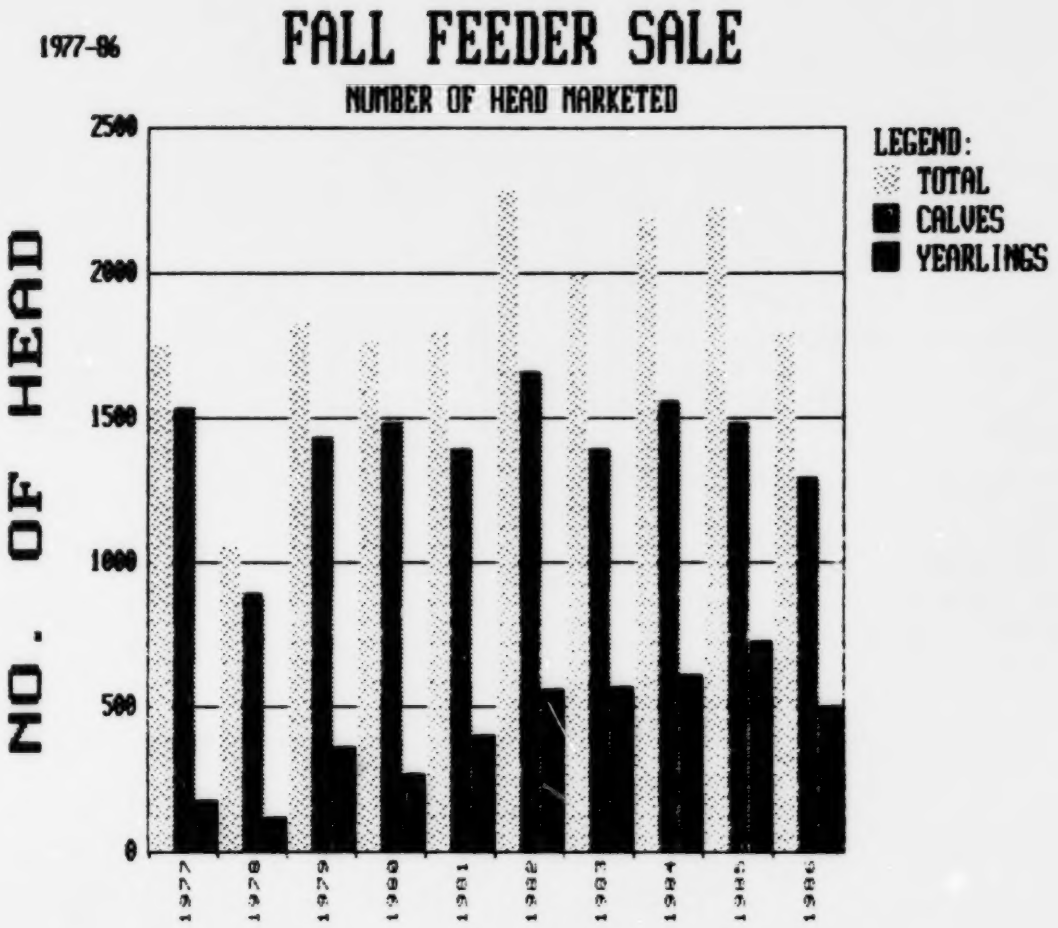
	# HEAD	AVE. PRICE	AVE. WEIGHT	AVE. RETURN PER HEAD	TOTAL POUNDS	TOTAL DOLLARS
STEERS:						
CHOICE	99	91.07	511	465.94	50,650	46,128
GOOD	63	82.43	530	437.53	33,440	27,564
MEDIUM	11	81.60	464	379.09	5,110	4,170
PLAIN	9	71.38	568	405.67	5,115	3,651
STAGS	2	72.63	505	366.82	1,010	733
YEARLING	39	74.45	800	595.94	31,215	23,241
SUB-TOTAL	223	83.36	567	473.04	126,540	105,489
HEIFERS:						
CHOICE	54	80.26	484	388.84	26,160	20,997
GOOD	48	76.53	476	364.90	22,885	17,515
MEDIUM	11	66.87	586	392.14	6,450	4,313
PLAIN	2	64.68	605	391.36	1,210	782
YEARLING	47	70.74	750	531.17	35,290	24,965
SUB-TOTAL	162	74.54	567	423.30	91,995	68,574
TOTAL	385	79.65	567	452.11	218,535	174,064

FEEDER SALES

ITEM	1986		1985		1984		1983		1982	
	HEAD	AVE. PRICE	HEAD	AVE. PRICE	HEAD	AVE. PRICE	HEAD	AVE. PRICE	HEAD	AVE. PRICE
Choice Steer Calves	664	87.54	518	84.99	649	85.47	641	78.77	555	74.99
Good Steer Calves	235	83.75	222	77.55	201	77.84	120	74.56	318	67.13
Medium Steer Calves	61	77.84	13	65.98	12	69.53	9	66.51	22	59.79
Plain Steer Calves	26	74.99	24	61.66	14	45.74	5	45.07	18	48.26
Choice Heifer Calves	330	77.48	358	75.46	457	76.54	507	70.55	405	64.95
Good Heifer Calves	191	74.56	206	71.27	199	70.75	87	65.80	319	58.33
Medium Heifer Calves	33	67.42	101	66.54	13	67.48	10	58.83	19	52.19
Plain Heifer Calves	10	71.50	42	63.64	13	61.51	12	53.42	6	53.45
Yearling - Steers	357	75.15	453	72.92	373	73.90	357	70.96	351	69.49
Yearling - Heifers	225	73.13	275	69.00	232	69.17	213	65.70	209	61.52
Stags	42	68.92	14	68.04	32	71.73	27	68.70	59	65.87
Total	2174	79.08	2226	74.58	2195	76.35	1988	72.05	2281	67.10

FEEDER SALES

ITEM	1981 HEAD	1981 AVE. PRICE	1980 HEAD	1980 AVE. PRICE	1979 HEAD	1979 AVE. PRICE	1978 HEAD	1978 AVE. PRICE	1977 HEAD	1977 AVE. PRICE
Choice Steer Calves	562	72.51	727	87.44	641	92.57	309	83.71	639	36.88
Good Steer Calves	255	66.42	173	82.60	147	86.46	127	72.84	149	33.09
Medium Steer Calves	40	66.87	3	68.50	56	77.56	60	65.62	77	27.15
Plain Steer Calves	32	52.29	26	60.31	5	59.79	5	54.86	16	24.05
Choice Heifer Calves	238	61.62	369	79.51	363	82.61	22	72.63	357	31.36
Good Heifer Calves	207	59.67	144	76.39	161	76.50	149	65.30	209	27.69
Medium Heifer Calves	37	56.77	40	68.29	57	69.75	15	59.86	74	24.80
Plain Heifer Calves	20	50.04	-	-	-	-	7	54.04	12	26.15
Yearling - Steers	302	65.17	185	75.70	236	77.36	95	66.80	64	33.84
Yearling - Heifers	102	55.67	82	70.90	126	68.12	24	57.86	115	26.49
Stags	-	-	18	66.87	37	79.31	33	65.54	36	24.50
Total	1795	65.38	1767	80.90	1829	82.51	1046	72.36	1748	32.36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FALL FEEDER SALE
NUMBER OF HEAD MARKETED
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2500
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1000
500
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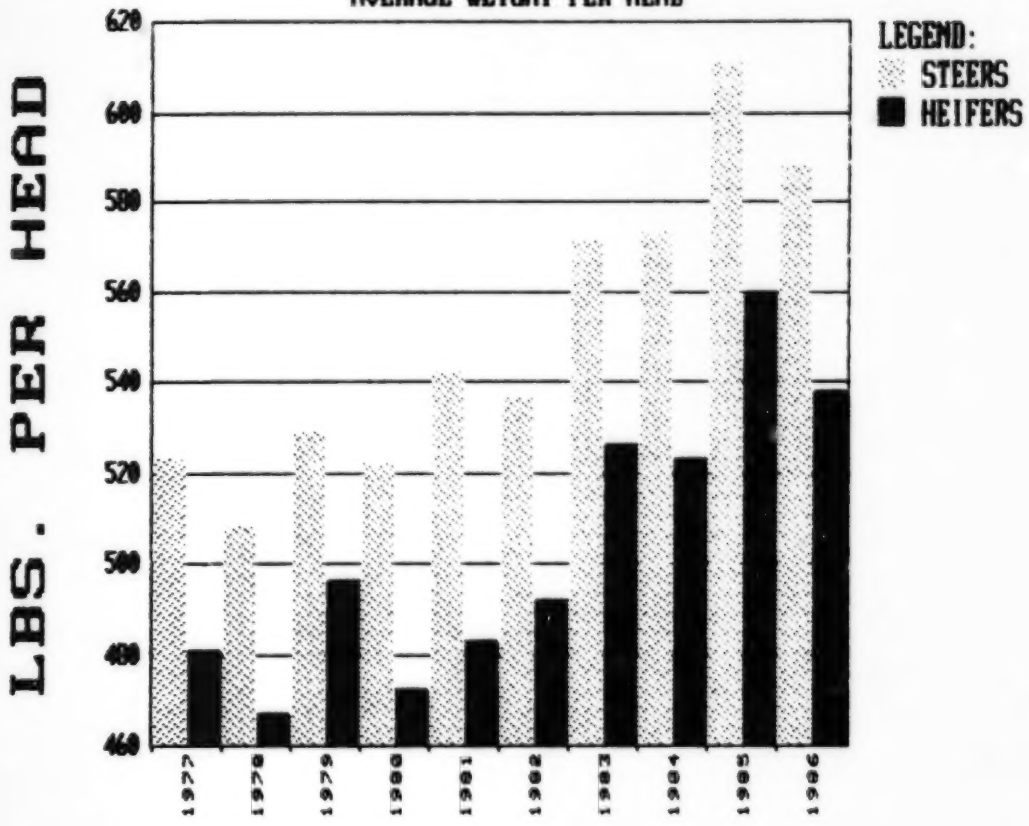
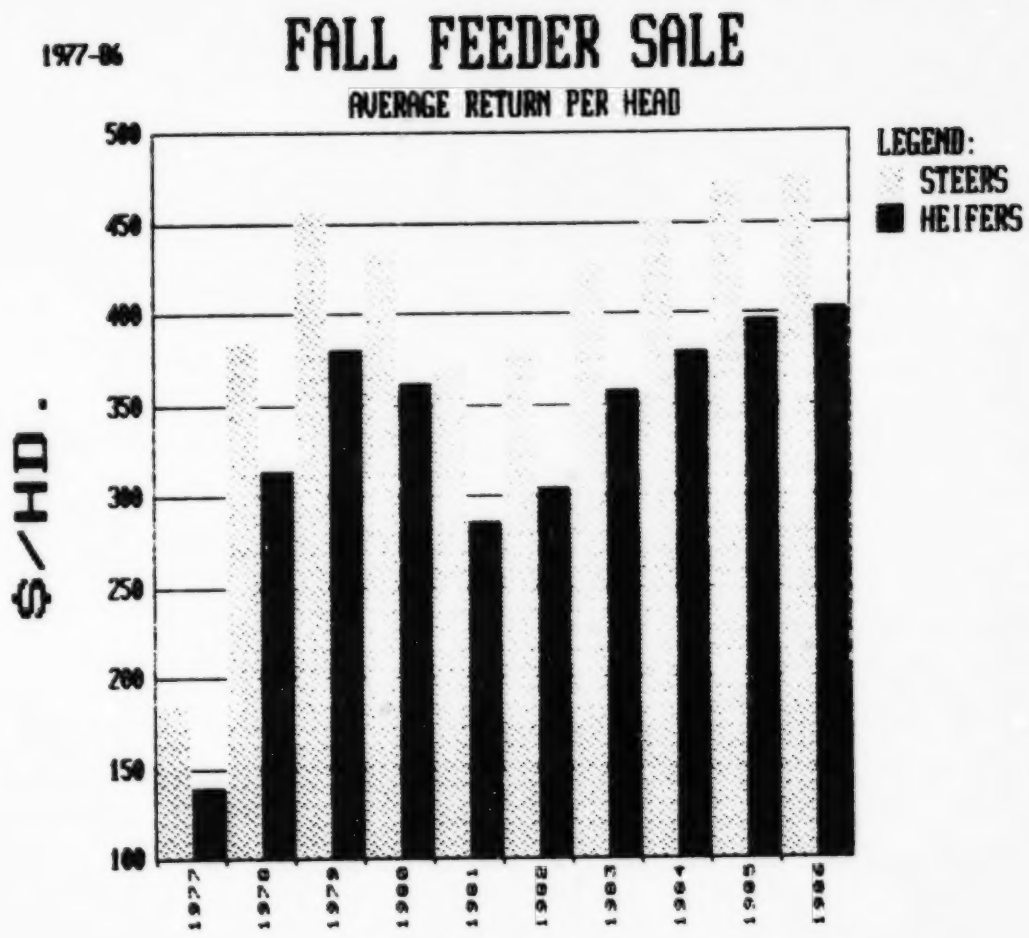
1977
1978
1979
1980
1981
1982
1983
1984
1985
1986
LEGEND:
TOTAL
CALVES
YEARLINGS

1977-86

FALL FEEDER SALE

AVERAGE WEIGHT PER HEAD




1977-86
FALL FEEDER SALE
AVERAGE RETURN PER HEAD
$/HD.
500
450
400
350
300
250
200
150
100
LEGEND:
STEERS
HEIFERS
1977
1978
1979
1980
1981
1982
1983
1984
1985
1986